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AMENDMENT B
SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment B responds to the Office Action dated November 4, 2005, which was identified as being final. A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this Amendment.

An automatic three month extension of time, up to and including May 4, 2006, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the above referenced application as follows: